new and cushioned sleeper coaches are being attached on long distance Mail/Express trains and second class coaches on intercity day time express trains.

(c) The rakes of East Coast Express are already having 19 such coaches.

Coversion of Guwahati-Tinsukia Section

3352. SHRI BALIN KULI:
SHRI PROBIN DEKA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to convert the metre-gauge line into broad-gauge from Guwhati to Tinsukia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Conversion of Guwhati-Tinsukia section is included in the Action Plan for gauge conversion taken up by the Railways. Conversion of Guwhati-Lumding subsection (181 Km) has been included in the Railway Budget for 1992-93.

(c) Does not arise.

Terminal Facilities at Guwahati

3353. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether therminal facilities for broad-gauge trains in guwahati are inadequate;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to construct more terminal facilities there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Terminal facilities at guwahati are adequate for the maintenance of existing trains.

(b) and (c). Work of Guwahati-New Guwahati-Augmentation of terminal facilities Phase-I at an estimated cost of Rs. 62.04 lakhs is targetted for completion in 1992-93. An auxillary freight terminal at Jhalukbari near Guwahati has also been planned and land being acquired.

Mal-Nutrition

3354. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in India affected by mal-nutrition related diseases in 1991, state-wise;

(b) the regions where they are mainly concentrated;

(c) whether the Union Government have assessed the exact nature of mal-nutrition among the population; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to combat this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) According to surveys conducted by National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.